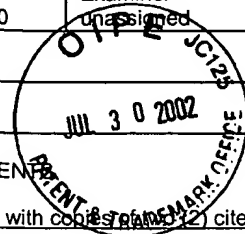


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In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references and information for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

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I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

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5,493,564	Mullan	02/20/96

B. Literature

1. W. Hilal et al., "Designing Large Electronic Mail Systems", 1988 International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems held in San Jose, CA, IEEE Comput. Soc. Pr., 1988, pp. 402-409.

II. DISCUSSION

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,493,564

The '564 patent was cited as an X-type reference in a Supplemental Search Report for a corresponding European patent application. An X-type reference is particularly relevant when taken alone.

B. Hilal et al. Article

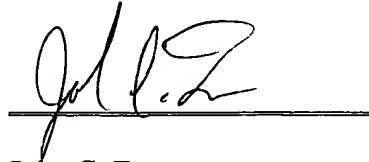
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III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire,

however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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